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PATENT

**CLEAN VERSION OF REWRITTEN, ADDED, AND/OR CANCELED
CLAIMS PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.121 (c)(1)(i)**

In the Claims

Kindly replace claims 1, 3, 4, 6, and 16 with the following claims of corresponding number.

1. (Twice amended) A composite comprising *Parthenium* species lignocellulosic plant material and plastic.
3. (Once amended) The composite of claim 1, wherein the *Parthenium* species plant material comprises (a) whole plant material, (b) plant part material, (c) bagasse, or (d) a combination of (a) - (c).
4. (Once amended) The composite of claim 1, wherein the *Parthenium* species plant material is processed.
6. (Once amended) The composite of claim 4 wherein the processed *Parthenium* species plant material comprises fibers, fiber bundles, particles, flour, chips, flakes, fines, sawdust, pellets, strands, wafers or combinations thereof.
16. (Twice amended) The composite of claim 1, wherein the *Parthenium* species plant material further comprises (a) lignocellulosic plant material from a plant other than the genus *Parthenium*, (b) added *Parthenium* species natural resin extract or (c) combinations of (a) and (b).

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1-19 stand rejected.

Examiner Interview

Applicants' attorney, the undersigned, wishes to thank Examiner Rajguru for the courteous and helpful telephone interview on January 22, 2003. Applicants' claimed invention as amended in Applicants' Amendment filed July 16, 2002 and the Kay et al. patent and Bultman et al. reference cited in the Office Action were discussed. Paragraph 3 of the rejection dated October 23, 2002 Office Action was discussed. Applicants'